

Importance of Global Education

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1. Global Kids has over 20 years experience implementing school based programs that help youth from underserved communities expand their global perspective. Equip students with the tools to understand and shape local, national, and international policy.
2. **Global Challenges:** Contemporary global challenges such as trade market volatility, climate change, pandemics: swine flu, HIV/AIDS, rise of religious extremism and terror all require global solutions that necessitate international cooperation through national and international institutions such as the United Nations.
3. **Civic Engagement:** Students in Washington D.C., are privileged to be close to the seat of govt. They need to be globally literate to understand contemporary challenges as well as their civic responsibility to participate in the political process by voicing engaging in debate in the form of active policy dialogue.
4. **21st Century Workforce Competitiveness** - World is increasingly interconnected, on the political economic fronts. The world is becoming smaller thanks our patterns of consumption, media, travel, and new technology. Cultural understanding literacy, ability to work and interact with people from diverse nationalities will continue to be increasingly important. As young people transition into the workforce, global competency will contribute to their workforce competitiveness in the 20th century.
5. **American Diversity:** USA unique with respect to our extraordinarily diverse population. American diversity is part of our strength, Americans draw lineage from numerous, nations, religions ethnic backgrounds. It is imperative that we leverage this diversity to promote tolerance, cultural understanding and harmony.
6. **Critical analysis/thinking:** Integrating global content in the areas of science, biology social studies can help students elevate their critical analysis by broadening their perspective to reflect realities in their community as well as experiences of others around the world.